

a conference component of the first member transmitting a merge request message to a conference component of the second member requesting merger of the first teleconference call with the second teleconference call, the merge request message identifying the one or more other members of the first teleconference call;

a conference component of the second member receiving the merge request message and transmitting a join message to conference components of the one or more other members; and

the conference components of the first member, the second member and the one or more other members establishing one teleconference call.

18. (New) Circuitry in a conference component of a member of a first teleconference call for merging the first teleconference call with a second teleconference call, comprising:

circuitry for receiving a merge request message from a common member of both the first and second teleconference calls, the merge request message identifying one or more other members of the second teleconference call;

circuitry for transmitting a join message to the one or more other members; and
circuitry for establishing a single teleconference call with the common member and the one or more other members of the second teleconference call.

19. (New) Circuitry in a conference component of a member of both a first teleconference call and a second teleconference call for merging the first teleconference call with the second teleconference call, comprising:

circuitry for transmitting a merge request message to a second member of the first teleconference call, the merge request message identifying one or more other members of the second teleconference call.

20. (New) An apparatus for merging a first teleconference call including a first member and one or more other members with a second teleconference call including the first member and a second member, comprising:

circuitry in a conference component of the first member for transmitting a merge request message to a conference component of a second member requesting merger of the first teleconference call with the second teleconference call, the merge request message identifying the one or more other members of the first teleconference call;

circuitry in the conference component of the second member for receiving the merge request message and transmitting a join message to conference components of the one or more other members; and

circuitry in the conference components of the first member, the second member and the one or more other members for establishing one teleconference call responsive to the join request messages.